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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. BONN PREPARES FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT. TWO OTHERS ARE SNAGGED ON BERLIN CLAUSES AND THIS HAS CAUSED BITTERNESS ON BOTH SIDES. BRANDT IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON FRG- GDR RELATIONS, EAST- WEST NEGOTIATIONS, TRADE RELATIONS AND OTHER BILATERAL PROBLEMS; THE SOVIETS TO SEEK INCREASED TRADE AND LONG- TERM CREDITS. THE EMBASSY COMMENTS THAT THE VISIT MAY BE LONG ON ATMOSPHERE AND SHORT ON CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENTS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BONN 7046, 5/16.

2. MBFR: SOVIETS REQUEST AGENDA DISCUSSION DELAY

IN A SESSION WITH THE US AND DUTCH REPRESENTATIVES MAY 16, SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE KHLESTOV PROPOSED AGENDA
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DISCUSSIONS BEGIN MAY 21 INSTEAD OF MAY 18. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THEY BE CONDUCTED AT LEAST IN PART IN

PLENARY SESSION, RATHER THAN BY AN INFORMAL WORKING GROUP, TO SATISFY THE DESIRE OF THE ROMANIANS, HUNGARIANS AND BULGARIANS TO PARTICIPATE. OUR DELEGATION COMMENTS IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THE SOVIETS ARE TRYING TO DELAY THE TALKS. (SECRET) VIENNA 4101, 5/16.

3. GISCARD D'ESTAING ON CURRENT MONETARY UNREST

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT IN A SPEECH MAY 16, FRENCH FINANCE MINISTER VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF STABILIZING THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM IS ONE OF CONVERTIBILITY RATHER THAN PARITIES. HE PREDICTED A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF THE US PAYMENTS DEFICIT BY 1974 WHICH WILL FUNDAMENTALLY MODIFY THE CLIMATE FOR MONETARY REFORM DISCUSSIONS. (UNCLASSIFIED) PARIS 13534, 9/16.

4. SOVIET VIEWS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

ON INSTRUCTIONS, OUR CHARGE IN MOSCOW TOLD THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY WE HOPED THE USSR WOULD URGE MODERATION ON THE SYRIANS IN THE LEBANESE SITUATION. THE MINISTRY OFFICIAL SAID THE SOVIETS ALWAYS URGE MODERATION. HE BLAMED ISRAEL FOR AGGRAVATING THE CRISIS AND WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE UPCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING. HE DID NOT SEEM OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. (SECRET) MOSCOW 5564, 5/16 (EXDIS).

5. CAMBODIAN MILITARY SITUATION

THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE MEKONG RIVER ACROSS FROM KAMPONG CHAM. THE ENEMY IS CONTINUING TO PRESS HIS
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ATTACKS ALONG ROUTE 3. FANK UNITS HAVE CONTINUED TO EXPAND THEIR PERIMETER AT TAKEO TO THE WEST. FINALLY THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMBODIAN OPERATION TO CLEAR ROUTE 5 WILL BEGIN SOON, PROBABLY SHORTLY AFTER 17 MAY. (SECRET) CAMBODIAN DAMSREP OF 16 MAY. RUSH

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